

## **IC 25-23.6-7**

### **Chapter 7. Mandatory Disclosure by Social Workers and Clinical Social Workers**

## **IC 25-23.6-7-1**

### **Application of chapter**

Sec. 1. (a) This chapter applies to an individual licensed under this article.

(b) This chapter does not apply to:

- (1) physicians licensed under IC 25-22.5;
- (2) nurses licensed under IC 25-23;
- (3) psychologists licensed under IC 25-33; or
- (4) attorneys licensed to practice law in Indiana;

when providing counseling services within the scope of practice for which they are licensed.

*As added by P.L.186-1990, SEC.9. Amended by P.L.140-1993, SEC.5; P.L.147-1997, SEC.58.*

## **IC 25-23.6-7-2**

### **School counselors; application of chapter**

Sec. 2. This chapter does not apply to school counselors who provide counseling services at the following:

- (1) An elementary or secondary school accredited by the state board of education.
- (2) A state educational institution (as defined in IC 20-12-0.5-1).

*As added by P.L.186-1990, SEC.9.*

## **IC 25-23.6-7-3**

### **Pastoral counseling; application of chapter**

Sec. 3. This chapter does not apply to a minister, a volunteer, or an employee of a nonprofit organization performing charitable, religious, or educational assistance or giving pastoral counseling.

*As added by P.L.186-1990, SEC.9.*

## **IC 25-23.6-7-4**

### **"Counseling services" defined**

Sec. 4. As used in this chapter, "counseling services" means evaluating, treating, or giving advice to, on a fee-for-services, prepaid, or other compensatory basis:

- (1) an individual with a mental, an emotional, or a substance abuse problem; or
- (2) an individual who seeks instruction in behavior modification, advice concerning interpersonal relationships, or advice concerning problems of daily living, including smoking habits, weight loss, and nutrition.

*As added by P.L.186-1990, SEC.9.*

## **IC 25-23.6-7-5**

### **"Counselor" defined**

Sec. 5. As used in this chapter, "counselor" means an individual licensed under this article who provides counseling services on a fee-for-services, prepaid, or other compensatory basis.

*As added by P.L.186-1990, SEC.9. Amended by P.L.147-1997, SEC.59.*

#### **IC 25-23.6-7-6**

##### **Disclosure of counselor's educational background**

Sec. 6. Before providing counseling services, a counselor shall disclose to the person to whom counseling services are provided the counselor's educational background in the field of counseling, including the following:

- (1) Whether the counselor has a degree in counseling or a related field.
- (2) The type of degree issued and the institution of higher education that issued the degree.

*As added by P.L.186-1990, SEC.9.*

#### **IC 25-23.6-7-7**

##### **Violations; penalty**

Sec. 7. A person who violates section 6 of this chapter or who provides false information or documents under this chapter commits a Class A misdemeanor.

*As added by P.L.186-1990, SEC.9. Amended by P.L.147-1997, SEC.60.*